

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm, mostly dry weather afforded farmers ample time for spring fieldwork, although progress for chile, corn, cotton, and onions remained behind normal, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, comments indicated that while precipitation throughout the winter and early spring was beneficial, timely rainfall was needed to continue crop and pasture grass development, and in some areas, prevent the return of drought conditions. Head development in the winter wheat crop was advancing rapidly, but like planting progress, was well behind normal. The onion crop remained in good to excellent condition. Fire danger was high in portions of the northeast. Reports from Dona Ana County noted that iceberg lettuce was 70 percent harvested, with condition reported to be excellent. The United States Drought Monitor released on May 2 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D4 and D3), while severe drought (D2) was reportedly covering 6.8 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 45.8 percent of the State, also unchanged from last week. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 35 percent last week, 15 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 29 percent good to excellent, compared with 32 percent last week, 6 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 23 percent. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light, compared with 15 percent light last week. There was no hail damage reported. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light, 25 percent moderate, and 5 percent severe, compared with 7 percent light, 27 percent moderate, and 12 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 32 percent very short, 32 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 25 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 28 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 21 percent very short, 32 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	35	24	30	37
Chile				
Planted.....	81	72	79	89
Emerged	42	30	65	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	36	27	49	38
Emerged	8	2	10	9
Cotton				
Planted.....	37	20	38	48
Emerged	7	2	24	NA
Onions				
Planted.....	86	81	94	98
Emerged	65	61	80	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	45	23	81	64
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	87	82	95	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	66	68	94	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	85	74	93	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	66	70	87	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.7	6.4	6.8	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	12	54	28
Short.....	53	53	31	37
Adequate.....	35	35	15	34
Surplus.....	3	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	17	36	22
Short.....	38	41	53	36
Adequate.....	42	42	11	42
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	--	6	1
Poor.....	4	--	15	4
Fair.....	43	47	33	37
Good.....	45	46	43	46
Excellent.....	7	7	3	12
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	20	10
Good.....	16	16	64	50
Excellent.....	84	84	16	40
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	2	13	12
Poor.....	28	25	47	26
Fair.....	35	41	34	39
Good.....	26	30	6	20
Excellent.....	3	2	--	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	25	14
Poor.....	16	25	48	21
Fair.....	30	27	19	30
Good.....	42	33	3	28
Excellent.....	11	15	5	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	1	3	2
Poor.....	16	8	19	10
Fair.....	39	48	47	43
Good.....	34	36	27	42
Excellent.....	9	7	4	3
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	13	14
Poor.....	4	9	5	15
Fair.....	55	49	41	29
Good.....	39	40	41	41
Excellent.....	2	2	--	1

NA – not available

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